

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A patient transport apparatus, comprising:
 - a frame adapted to support a patient in a plurality of positions, including a ~~standing position and a seated position~~,
 - a plurality of wheels coupled to the frame,
 - a seat coupled to the frame above the plurality of wheels, the seat being movable from a ~~generally vertical~~ storage position to a ~~generally horizontal~~ seat position, and
 - a braking mechanism coupled to the seat, the braking mechanism being activated to brake at least one of the plurality of wheels when the seat is moved from the ~~generally vertical~~ storage position to the ~~generally horizontal~~ seat position.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the braking mechanism comprises a cable having a first end coupled to the seat and a second end coupled to a portion of the brake mechanism.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the braking mechanism further comprises a brake lever, a brake body, and a brake member, the brake lever is coupled to the second end of the cable, and the brake body is positioned between the brake lever and the brake member.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the braking mechanism further comprises a torsion spring having a first arm coupled to the brake body and a second arm coupled to a wheel.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the braking mechanism further comprises at least one cable support coupled to an interior region of the frame.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of wheels includes at least one rear wheel and the braking mechanism is coupled to the rear wheel.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of wheels includes at least one caster.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the frame has a top end and a bottom end spaced apart from the top end, and further comprising a handle coupled to the frame adjacent the top end.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a brake release mechanism coupled to the handle, the brake release mechanism including an actuator coupled to the brake mechanism to release the brake on the at least one wheel.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the handle includes a pair of hand grips extending generally horizontally outwardly from the frame, and further

comprising a brake activating mechanism coupled to at least one hand grip and a brake release mechanism coupled to at least one hand grip.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a seat support coupled between the frame and the seat.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the seat support comprises a sliding support mechanism.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising first and second spaced apart arm members coupled to the frame.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a brake release mechanism coupled to the first arm member, the brake release mechanism including an actuator coupled to the brake mechanism to release the brake on the at least one wheel.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the brake release mechanism comprises a mechanical linkage pivotably coupled to the frame, a cable coupled to the mechanical linkage, a cable support, and a spring coupled to the cable support.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a brake activating mechanism coupled to the first arm member, the brake activating mechanism including an actuator coupled to the brake mechanism to activate the brake on the at least one wheel.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the brake activating mechanism comprises a mechanical linkage pivotably coupled to the frame, a cable coupled to the mechanical linkage, a cable support, and a spring coupled to the cable support.

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44. (New) The patient transport apparatus of claim 1, wherein the storage position is adapted to be generally vertical.

45. (New) The patient transport apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a brake release mechanism operatively coupled to the frame, the brake release mechanism including an actuator coupled to the brake mechanism to release the brake on the at least one wheel.

46. (New) The patient transport apparatus of claim 45, wherein the brake release mechanism comprises a handle.